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SCHOOL REPORT.

Agreeably to the requirements of law, the Superintending School Committee of Jaffrey offers to his fellow citizens of the town the following Report of the Schools for the year ending March 14, 1871:

There have been supported by the money divided among the several districts of the town, two hundred and forty-eight weeks of school; or, more properly, reckoning the two summer schools at the East village as two divisions of *one school*, two hundred and thirty-eight weeks; distributed among the districts as follows, viz.:

Dist.	No.	1,	21	weeks.	Dist.	No.	8,	19	weeks.
"	"	2,	31	"	"	"	9,	18	"
"	"	3,	19	"	"	"	10,	14	"
"	"	4,	18	"	"	"	11,	11	"
"	"	5,	12	"	"	"	12,	15	"
"	"	6,	23	"	"	"	13,	16	"
"	"	7,	21	"					

The average cost for each scholar belonging to these districts is as follows:

In	District	No.	1,	$3.93	In	District	No.	8,	$3.54
"	"	"	2,	2.92	"	"	"	9,	18.91
"	"	"	3,	4.98	"	"	"	10,	11.93
"	"	"	4,	5.65	"	"	"	11,	11.37
"	"	"	5,	20.91	"	"	"	12,	7.02
"	"	"	6,	6.86	"	"	"	13,	5.79
"	"	"	7,	5.31					

In District No. 6, twenty-four dollars in board was contributed, which lengthened the school, but raised the average cost per scholar; and in District No. 8, fourteen dollars, interest of fund, was added to the appropriation.

It will be seen at once how costly a system the town is supporting, when compared with the actual advantages secured. In many instances a single scholar gets, in the whole year, but a single term of from ten to twelve weeks of schooling, and yet at a cost that ought to furnish twice or three times the amount. There are six districts in town numbering from five to twelve scholars each! Please consider the *economy* of keeping in repair a school-house, paying and boarding a teacher, furnishing wood, and other contingencies, to school these small numbers a few weeks in a year. A school of medium size is not increased in value to each scholar by reducing its numbers, but, on the contrary, is worth *less* to each. Scholars need the collision and excitement of mind acting upon mind, and the enthusiasm which it is hard to get up with a half dozen.

To be sure, the advantages now enjoyed would justify, and more than justify, the cost, if these advantages could not be secured at *less* cost; but can they not?

It is a question deserving the thoughtful consideration of all voters and tax-payers, and all who would advance the cause of education, so vital to the real prosperity of the town, whether by an improved system of *districting*, and perhaps, also, of distributing the money, far greater benefit might not be secured from the same expenditure of means. And is it not a matter that should receive immediate attention? As we are now required by law to increase by a large per cent. the appropriation for schools, sound policy certainly demands that there shall be such wise and careful supervision of the

whole interest involved in our schools, that their improvement shall at least be commensurate with the increased expenditure.

Though we have some excellent teachers, there is still need of a higher order of qualification on the part of most; and a more *telling earnestness*, that will *bring out* what little life there is in dull minds, and infuse a little besides.

And a very responsible duty rests upon Prudential Committees. They should spare no pains to secure the very best teachers possible, even at the cost of a few dollars more of wages. And they will be sometimes essentially aided by consulting those who may be supposed to be able to give an intelligent opinion of the qualification and past success of a teacher before hiring.

The Superintendent is happy to be able to report that the schools of the past year have, as a whole, been attended with a fair measure of success, while some of them have been excellent. We have had no disgraceful encounter between scholars and teacher, as in some other towns, no insubordination on the part of scholars, no troubles that appealed to the Superintending Committee to adjust. Scholars have demeaned themselves creditably, and teachers have labored faithfully, though, of course, with very different degrees of success.

During the year a new and excellent series of Readers (the National) has been introduced, which, it is believed, will be found a decided improvement, and which ought not to be displaced for a half dozen years to come.

The number of visitors does not bespeak that

deep interest in our schools that is necessary to their best success; rather a falling off from last year.

As a very important addition to the educational facilities of the town, your Committee would gratefully recognize the fact that, through the wise munificence of John Conant, Esq., we have a HIGH SCHOOL, established on a sure basis, for two terms, at least, in the year, and *free* to all the youth of a proper age in the town. We have, also, through the liberality of Mr. Conant and other citizens of the central and western portions of the town, a very pleasant and convenient room for this school (when at the Centre), fitted up on the lower floor of the Town House. We regard this school as a great matter, in the prosperity of which all must feel an interest; constituting, in fact, one of the most attractive features of the good town of Jaffrey.

This school opened in the autumn with a large attendance, and continued twelve weeks, under the instruction of a thorough scholar and teacher of some experience, Mr. J. L. Seward of Keene, and a graduate of Harvard. A second term has opened under the same teacher in the same school room, and under auspices full of promise.

There is a subscription school, also, at the East village, taught by Miss Robbins.

Prudential Committee.

Dist. No. 1, Albert Bass.
" " 2, J. D. Turner.
" " 3, Anson W. Jewett.
" " 4, A. J. Adams.
" " 5, John E. Whitney.
" " 6, M. C. Adams.
" " 7, B. F. Lawrence.
Dist. No. 8, Benjamin Pierce.
" " 9, Thomas Stearns.
" " 10, John S. Lawrence.
" " 11, F. H. Cutter.
" " 12, Alvah Stanley.
" " 13, Frank Prescott.

Table No. 1.—*Summer and Autumn Schools.*

No. of District.	TEACHERS.	Wages per month, including board.	Weeks of school.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	Girls.	Boys.	Not absent 1-2 day.	Visitors.	Visits of Sup. Com.	Visits of Prud. Com.	Whole cost of schools for the year.
1	Mary Abby Allen	$18 00	10	21	19 33	8	13	6	21	3	0	$125 34
2	Sarah E. Robbins	26 00	10	39	34	25	14	12	64	2	2	379 42
2	" " " Fall Term	26 00	11	46	38.5	19	27	13	67	2	2	
2	Minnie A. Sawyer, Prim. Dep.	24 00	10	42	34	19	23	7	20	2	2	
3	Annie M. Woodruff	16 00	7	14	12.3	6	8	5	25	2	1	114 56
4	M. A. Chamberlain	17 00	8	10	8.3	5	5	3	10	3	1	79 03
4	" " " Fall Term	20 00	10	12	9.5	5	7	3	11	2	0	
6	Grace M. Phelps	18 00	11	11	9	10	1	1	15	2	1	123 54
7	Corrie E. Lawrence	24 00	10	28	22.8	15	13	5	69	3	0	185 98
8	Mary A. Spaulding.	20 00	9	19	17.4	10	9	3	29	2	1	140 68
9	Ada E. Chamberlain	16 00	8	10	8.7	6	4	2	8	2	1	94 56
10	Corrie E. Lawrence	20 00	14	13	11.04	6	7	5	26	3	0	83 50
12	Lizzie W. Tolman	20 00	6	9	8	3	6	4	13	2	0	77 25
12	Grace M. Phelps, Fall Term	20 00	9	12	7.7	5	7	2	14	2	0	

Teacher's wages for Summer Schools average $20.36.

Table No. 2.—*Winter Schools.*

No. of District.	TEACHERS.	Wages per month.	Weeks of school.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	Not absent 1-2 day.	Visitors.	Visits of Sup. Com.	Visits of Prud. Com.	Scholars in the Dist.	Town appropriation.
1	Lucy M. Shattuck	$28 00	11	28	25 18	8	40	2	2	32	$125 34
2	Sarah E. Robbins	50 00	10	67	60.5	21	50	3	1	130	379 42
3	Mary Abby Allen	24 00	12	22	18 7	8	18	2	2	23	114 56
4	No winter school.									10	79 03
5	A. M. Woodruff	28 00	12	9	6 3	0	8	2	1	5	104 53
6	Grace M. Phelps	21 00	12	18	14.75	2	12	2	2	18	99 54
7	M. A. Sawyer	38 00	11	31	22	5	35	3	1	36	185 98
8	Henry H. Piper	36 00	10	32	25.28	8	25	3	2	36	126 66
9	Ada E. Chamberlain	20 00	10	7	5.3	1	19	2	1	6	94 56
10	No winter school.									7	83 50
11	Emily E. Derby	28 00	10.5	7	6.5	1	16	2	1	8	79 62
12	No winter school.									12	77 25
13	Ella F. Lawrence	20 00	16	15	11.3	5	38	3	1	8	75 25
							261	24	14	331	$1,624

Whole number of *different* scholars residing in town, who have attended school some portion of the year, 331. Wages for winter schools average $29.30. Whole number of visits of Superintending Committee, 56. Mr. Piper and Miss Derby were from Dublin; all the other teachers were residents of Jaffrey.

Having given full statistics in the Tables, a very brief account of the several schools must suffice.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term numbered twenty-one scholars. The school seemed to be progressing pleasantly, and raised expectations which the closing examination did not quite realize. The scholars needed too much help in answering.

The *Winter Term* numbered twenty-eight. The attendance was good, the school orderly, and the closing examination gratifying.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term of Primary Department numbered forty-two scholars. Improvement, fair.

The Senior Department numbered thirty-nine. Progress commendable.

The *Autumn Term*, for the younger scholars, numbered forty-six. The attendance was very good, and the amount accomplished, as evinced at the closing examination, was in a high degree gratifying.

The *Winter Term* numbered sixty-seven. Too many scholars, and far too many classes, for one teacher. It was evident that without the closest system and order the school would prove a failure. It was a laborious task—but quite successfully accomplished.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The *Summer School* was short—only seven weeks —and somewhat broken at that. In the time and cir-

cumstances, there seemed to be as much accomplished as could be expected.

The *Winter Term* of twelve weeks numbered twenty-two scholars. The attendance was very good, and some of the scholars showed marked improvement; yet notwithstanding the teacher's good endeavors, the school was not quite what one could wish.

DISTRICT NO 4.

There were two terms, *Summer* and *Autumn*, of eight and ten weeks each, both under the same teacher, and both very successful.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

One term of twelve weeks. By the aid of four scholars from another district, this school numbered nine scholars. Though a little wanting in *vital force*, the school on the whole appeared very well, and the results exhibited were fair.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The *Summer* and *Winter Schools* were both taught by the same teacher. She secured the love of her pupils, and by that led them easily and pleasantly, and secured good improvement. She is yet young, but improving.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The *Summer Term* of ten weeks, numbered twenty-eight scholars. The school was well governed and well taught. The improvement was decided, and the examination entirely satisfactory.

The *Winter Term* of eleven weeks numbered thirty-one, but averaged only twenty-one. There was a lack of interest throughout. The teacher labored hard and anxiously, yet without securing the co-operation and sympathy of her pupils, and the result, as shown in the examination, did not satisfy her wishes, nor those of the Committee. There was too much going on in the schoolroom that was not study; and the school did not sustain its good reputation.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The *Summer Term* of nine weeks had nineteen scholars. The teacher was faithful and successful.

The *Winter School* of ten weeks was taught by Henry H. Piper, of Dublin, the only male teacher in town. This was his first experience in teaching. The *order* of the school was not quite up to our ideal; yet his success was fair, and gave promise of still better in the future.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The *Summer School* of eight weeks, and *Winter School* of ten, were both taught by the same teacher, which fact is testimony in her favor. With an average of eight and five scholars for the different terms, twice the average amount of vital *energy* and *earnestness* was needed in a teacher to insure fair success; but with only the amount that ordinary mortals share, what but dullness could be expected in such a school?

At our first visit to the *Winter School* there were *three* scholars! and six classes! and we thought of poor Selkirk:

"Oh! *solitude*, where are the charms," &c.

After the first week there was one more scholar, and

after four weeks, three more from another district. It is some praise to say the school was not a failure.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

One term of fourteen weeks and thirteen scholars The improvement was very marked, the school was *excellent.* But alas! the teacher is no more——a teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

One term of ten and a half weeks, with an average of six and a half scholars. This was the third term under the same teacher, which is high testimony in her favor. The school, though suffering from lack of scholars, was profitable and highly successful. Some of the closing exercises were of a high order.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

The *Summer Term* of six weeks numbered in all nine scholars, under the same teacher that was employed the summer before, which fact will tell to her credit. School but moderately successful.

The *Autumn School* numbered twelve, and continued nine weeks. Success a little in advance of former term.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

One term of sixteen weeks, with fifteen different scholars. The school was well regulated, and well taught. The improvement was satisfactory.

In taking leave of the schools, your Committee would say his official relations have been pleasant, his suggestions always kindly received, and his intercourse

with the schools such as to greatly increase his interest in their prosperity. He earnestly commends them to your liberal patronage and most careful supervision, and to the favor and blessing of Heaven. May you always act with thoughtful regard to *their* interests, and *not* to those of parties or individuals, in selecting men to fill the responsible position of Superintending Committee; and never allow it to be *degraded* by being made a foot-ball to be kicked between the different societies. Far better that it remain unfilled.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

RUFUS CASE,
Superinteding School Committe of Jaffrey.

Jaffrey, N. H., Feb. 20, 1871.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CONANT SCHOOL FUND.

Received of Selectmen the amount donated by John Conant, Esq., as a perpetual School Fund, in U. S. 5-20 bonds,		$7000 00
Amount of interest accrued, including premium on same at time of donation, refunded as stipulated,		$123 12

Income Received on said Bonds.

Six months' interest on bonds, July 1, 1870,	210 00	
Premium on same,	45 15	
		255 15
Six months' interest on bonds, Jan. 1, 1871,	210 00	
Premium on same,	22 31	
		232 31
Received of non-residents for tuition, fall term,		26 73
		$514 19

Expenditures.

Paid J. S. Seward, 12 weeks teaching (including one week gratuity),	$137 50	
Paid Rev. R. Case, for 12 weeks' board,	48 00	
N. Cutter, for wood fitted for stove,	6 25	
For chalk for blackboard,	50	
G. L. Rice, for moving wood to new school house,	1 25	
Amount of school expenses,	$193 50	
Paid for record book,	2 50	
Balance in exchange of bonds,	4 63	
Refunded accrued interest on bonds, as stipulated by the donor,	123 12	
Balance cash on hand,	190 44	
		$514 19
Balance of cash on hand,		$190 44

The trustees thought it advisable, after consulting the donor and several other prominent citizens of the town, to sell the U. S. bonds while a premium could be obtained, and invest the proceeds in the bonds of the town of Jaffrey. They accordingly sold the whole amount—$7000, and realized a premium of $695 37. By adding to the same $4.63, they were enabled to invest $7700 in the bonds of the town, which amount the trustees think advisable to be kept as the principal of the fund.

P. UPTON,
FRANKLIN H. CUTTER, } Trustees.
ADDISON PRESCOTT,

Jaffrey, Feb. 24, 1871.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONANT INDIGENT FUND.

We, the undersigned, committee appointed by the selectmen, for the purpose of having the care and distribution, of the funds donated to the town of Jaffrey, by John Conant, Esq., for the benefit and assistance of the indigent poor of said town, called the Conant Fund, would make the following report of their doings for the year ending Feb. 25, 1871:

Securities Received of Selectmen as donated.

One Cambridge city bond, due July 2, 1886,	$1000 00
One Cheshire railroad bond, due July 1, 1880,	1000 00
Sixteen shares Cheshire railroad stock, *par value*,	1600 00
	$3600 00

Interest and dividends received from the above securities:

1870.	
July 1, interest on Cheshire railroad bond,	$28 40
" 1, " " Cambridge city "	30 00
" 1, dividend on Cheshire railroad stock,	32 00
1871.	
Jan. 1, " " " " "	48 00
" 1, interest on Cheshire railroad bond,	29 25
" 1, " " Cambridge city "	30 00
	$197 65

Assistance Rendered During the Year.

1870.	
May and June, goods furnished the family of D. Sawtell, during sickness,	$18 78
August, cash paid J. J. Comstock, for family of Jacob Priest,	12 00
1871.	
February, cash paid J. J. Comstock, for Mrs. Lucy Russell,	6 91
" interest paid back to Mr. Conant,	38 33
	$76 02

Whole amount received as income from securities,	$197 65
Whole amount expended,	76 02
Funds now in our hands,	$121 63

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. BOLSTER,
MRS. JAMES S. LACY,
MISS HARRIET E. CUTTER, } Committee of Conant Fund.

Jaffrey, Feb. 25, 1871.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

For the Year ending March 1, 1871.

Town Officers.

Paid Benjamin Pierce for personal services as selectman and overseer of poor, from Jan. 1, to March 8, 1870,	$11 00
Marshall C. Adams, personal services as selectman and overseer of poor, from Jan. 1, 1870, to Jan. 1, 1871,	117 50
Oliver P. Hunt, personal services as selectman and overseer of poor, from Jan. 1, 1870, to Sept. 13, 1871,	55 17
Henry C. French, personal services as selectman and overseer of poor, from March 8, 1870, to Jan. 1, 1871,	69 50
Joseph P. Frost, services as town clerk,	19 00
Charles H. Powers, personal services as town treasurer,	50 00
Rev. Rufus Case, services as superintending school committee,	50 00
Isaac S. Russell, auditing committee,	2 00
John M. Wales, auditing committee,	2 00
Austin O. Adams, auditing committee,	2 00
Charles H. Powers, personal services as tax collector,	75 00
	$453 17

Highways and Bridges.

John S. Lawrence, labor on highway,	$18 50
John Frost, " "	5 41
Dexter Pierce, " "	42 76
Marshall C. Adams, " "	8 52
Henry C. French, " "	10 00
Elijah Smith, " "	30 00
Frederick Spaulding, " "	10 00
Levi P. Towne, " "	24 00
Charles L. Clark, " "	41 29
Thomas A. Stearns, " "	3 80
Jewell G. Mower, " "	23 37
David C. Chamberlain, " "	15 00
Isaac B. Haywood, " "	10 00
Samuel Hodge, " "	32 58
Jonathan Page, " "	10 00
Joseph W. Fassett, " "	25 00
James T. Brown, " "	40 45
John Garfield, " "	10 00
Daniel P. Adams, " "	21 38
Lucius A. Cutter, " "	5 00
Nehemiah Cutter, " "	8 00
Richard Spaulding, " "	6 46

John W. Woodruff, labor on highway,	15 00
Oliver P. Hunt, " "	20 53
Joseph Davis, " "	48 82
Josiah M. Darling, " "	15 69
Addison J. Adams, repairs on bridge in 1869,	2 99
Jonas M. M. Lacy, " " " "	97 97
Benjamin Pierce, " "	9 53
J. W. Macomber, " "	1 50
Oliver Bacon, plank and 5 stringers for bridges on Peterboro'road,	103 97
Charles Bacon, building new road from Wm. Upton's house to Peterboro' road,	56 00
Benjamin F. Prescott, in 1869,	2 44
Addison Prescott,	10 34
John S. Lawrence, labor on winter road to Samuel Jewell's,	11 50
John Frost, posts and rails for highway, and repairs on bridge,	15 11
John Garfield, plank and stringers for bridge near Garfield's house,	35 51
	$848 42

Breaking Roads in 1869–70.

Richard Spaulding,	$7 65	Amasa Emery,	30 68
Alfred Sawyer,	10 84	Jonathan Page,	25 00
Cummings Sawyer,	30 36	Elijah Smith,	10 20
Benjamin L. Baldwin,	22 74	Josiah M. Darling,	32 92
Joseph W. Fassett,	28 50	Nehemiah Cutter,	22 31
Samuel D. Jewell,	32 10	Benjamin F. Prescott,	20 85
Ambrose W. Spaulding,	47 59	James T. Brown,	72 40
John A. Cutter,	40 13	John W. Woodruff,	28 45
Lucius A. Cutter,	12 44	Calvin Barnard,	11 45
George A. Underwood,	30 79	Oliver P. Hunt,	38 44
David C. Chamberlain,	7 05	Charles Bacon,	7 58
Addison J. Adams,	61 97	John S. Lawrence,	29 65
Levi P. Towne,	46 65	Jewell G. Mower,	15 90
Addison Pierce,	20 13	Henry A. Turner,	4 50
Isaac S. Russell,	28 13	Joseph Crombie, in 1869,	5 50
Jonas M. M. Lacy,	34 50		
Jonathan W. Stratton,	27 59		$844 09

School Money for 1870.

Albert Bass, District No. 1,	$125 34
Jonathan D. Turner, " " 2,	379 42
Anson W. Jewett, " " 3,	114 56
Addison J. Adams, " " 4,	79 03
John E. Whitney, " " 5,	104 53
Marshall C. Adams, " " 6,	99 54
Benj. T. Lawrence, " " 7,	185 98
Benjamin Pierce, " " 8,	126 66
Thomas A. Stearns, " " 9,	94 56
John S. Lawrence, " " 10,	83 50
Franklin H. Cutter, " " 11,	79 62
Alva Stanley, " " 12,	77 25
Benj. F. Prescott, " " 13,	75 25
	$1623 24

Tax Collector.

Benjamin L. Baldwin, on taxes of 1869,	$23 78

Printing.

Farnum & Scott, town reports, orders and receipts,	$80 75

Ringing Bells.

Shadrach T. Smith,	$30 00
Nahum W. Mower,	26 00
	$56 00

Taxes Paid.

Charles H. Powers, state tax,	$3192 00
" " " county "	2063 13
	$5255 13

Taxes Abated.

Dexter Pierce, on taxes for 1868,	$53 50
Josiah Mower, poll tax of 1870,	2 20
Arad Adams, tax on Clarissa Adams' estate for the year 1870,	9 00
Benjamin L. Baldwin, Sarah Prescott's tax in 1868,	10 87
Jacob Priest, tax of 1870,	4 40
Betsey P. Sawyer, tax of 1870,	4 50
Nathaniel F. Stevens, tax of 1870,	2 93
Charles H. Powers, town tax of 1870,	63 00
	$150 40

Fire Department.

Rodney A. Hubbard, for engine badges, printing blanks, labor on engine, 7 qts. alcohol, &c.,	$37 80
James S. Lacy, for services of twenty-eight firemen from March 8th, 1870, to March 8th, 1871,	134 58
James S. Lacy, for firemen's services from Jan. 1 to March 1, 1870,	5 25
Nahum W. Mower, labor on fire engine,	2 50
	$180 13

Entertainment of Town Officers.

Jonas Cutter,	$48 50
Henry B. Wheeler,	29 50
Nathaniel R. Corning estate in 1869,	14 75
	$92 75

Support of Town Poor.

Henry H. Whitney, for board of Dolly Robbins,	$106 00
Z. Maria Chadwick, for board of Mary Twist,	87 50
Jacob Priest, " " " "	10 00
Charles Cobb, for board of Lydia Darling,	12 00
Marshall C. Adams, groceries furnished Lydia Darling,	6 66

Marshall C. Adams, necessaries furnished Dolly Robbins and Mary Twist,	13 79
James L. Bolster, for goods furnished Kidder family,	52 00
Town of Rindge, for goods furnished Henry Royce's family,	57 88
A. W. Gleason, medical attendance on Horton family,	10 00
Gurley A. Phelps, medical attendance on Kidder family,	14 50
Oscar H. Bradley, medical attendance on Henry Royce's family,	32 25
Oscar H. Bradley, medical attendance on families of Harvey Kidder and L. A. Robbins,	5 75
	$408 33

For Support of County Poor.

Vermont Asylum, for support of Margaret Parker,	$160 50
Jane Newell, for board of Keziah Newell,	39 00
James L. Bolster, for groceries for support of Harvey Kidder,	52 00
Henry B. Wheeler, keeping transient persons,	5 25
Jonas Cutter, keeping transient persons,	3 00
Gurley A. Phelps, medical attendance on Harvey Kidder,	1 00
Z. Maria Chadwick, keeping transient persons,	6 75
Isaac C. Ryan, for keeping transient persons,	6 75
Marshall C. Adams, for sundry county bills,	28 50
	$302 75
Cr. By cash received from county,	$302 75

Miscellaneous Expenses.

John Conant, for accrued interest,	$161 45
John H. Crowe, for assistance rendered in removing Margaret Parker to Brattleboro', Vt.,	4 00
George M. Glazier, for settlement of lawsuit,	275 00
John S. Adams, chairman to appraise pews in Town House,	12 00
Gurley A. Phelps, returning 10 births and deaths,	2 50
George W. Tilden & Co., for record, tax book, and express,	11 40
Oliver P. Hunt, for horse hire,	3 08
Frederick W. Bailey, for counsel in Glazier lawsuit,	8 00
Frost & Parker, for repairing sills to Town House, repairs on belfry and stairs,	26 00
Caleb French, for trenching and resetting underpinning to Town House,	115 00
Nahum W. Mower, repairs on bell and varnishing hearse,	4 25
Mehitable Cutter, interest,	24 00
Marshall C. Adams, for expenses to New York and Keene,	25 85
Frost & Parker, finishing Town Hall and painting Town House,	1000 00
John S. Hartwell, public watering place,	3 00
Clarence A. Parks, for counsel,	5 00
Marshall C. Adams, books, stationery and postage, &c.,	8 68
Rufus Case, books furnished Stone children in Dist. No. 2,	1 74
James L. Bolster, overpayment of accrued interest on Conant Fund,	10 10
Peter Upton, services as agent to procure and sell Town Bonds,	25 00
Peter Upton, for printing bonds, town seal, and seals,	108 50
Marshall C. Adams, fitting and housing wood for Town House,	1 25
Thos. Annett, fare of Mrs. L. E. Robbins & children to New York,	8 35
Frederick Spaulding, for $\frac{3}{4}$ cord wood for Town House, and cutting brush in highway,	6 25

C. A. Parks, for part of gratuity voted Monadnock R. R. Co.,	24000 00
Peter Upton, for part of gratuity, notes, interest, &c.,	20900 00
	$46750 40

Recapitulation.

Town Officers,	$453 17
Highways and Bridges,	848 42
Breaking Roads,	844 09
School Money,	1623 24
Tax Collector,	23 78
Printing,	80 75
Ringing Bells,	56 00
Taxes Paid,	5255 13
Taxes Abated,	150 40
Fire Department,	180 13
Entertainment of Town Officers,	92 75
For Support of Town Poor,	408 33
For Support of County Poor,	302 75
Miscellaneous Expenses,	46,750 40
	$57,069 34
Amount of 182 orders drawn by the Selectmen for the year ending March 1st, 1871,	$57,069 34

The foregoing is respectfully submitted to the town, by

MARSHALL C. ADAMS, } SELECTMEN
HENRY C. FRENCH } OF JAFFREY.

Your committee have examined the above Report of the Selectmen and find it correct.

BENJ. L. BALDWIN, }
AUSTIN O. ADAMS, } Auditing Committee.
JOHN FOX, }

Monadnock Railroad Statement.

Amount of gratuity voted,	$34,553 60	
" " paid,	34,000 00	
Amount of gratuity due, (withheld on account of damage to highway,)		553 60

Town Indebtedness.

Town bonds,	$30,000 00	
Cash borrowed of Monadnock Savings Bank,	2,154 19	
		$32,154 19

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Literary Fund.

DR.

	Principal.	Int. paid.
To mortgage and note signed by J. R. Stanley, dated Jan. 1, 1852,	$400 00	$24 00
To mortgage and note signed by John A. Cutter, dated July 12, 1861,	175 00	21 63
To mortgage and note signed by C. Buchwold and P. Hahn, dated Feb. 14, 1862,	254 89	15 30
To mortgage and note signed by L. P. Wilbur, dated March 13, 1863,	200 00	12 00
To mortgage and note signed by John W. Mann, dated March 4th, 1859,	226 00	13 56
To mortgage and note signed by E. H. Bailey, dated May 3d, 1867,	150 00	9 00
To mortgage and note signed by E. J. & W. F. Allen, dated November 28, 1870,	500 00	
To note signed by Oliver Bacon, dated Dec. 30, 1864,	112 40	6 74
To note signed by O. Cragin, endorsed by D. A. Wood, dated November 27, 1869,	225 00	
Two shares Monadnock National Bank,	200 00	20 00
One Town of Jaffrey Bond,	500 00	
	$2943 29	
Deduct amount due Town Treasurer,	6 57	
	$2936 72	
Cash received for mortgage and note signed by G. C. Bemis,	100 00	12 69
Cash received for mortgage and note signed by J. S. Hartwell,	32 60	1 96
Cash received for note signed by A. and L. L. Pierce,	25 00	1 57
Cash received for U. S. Bond sold,	570 00	33 37
Cash on hand, as per last report,	152 70	6 41
Cash received of State Treasurer,	113 13	
Cash borrowed of Town Treasurer,	6 57	
	$1000 00	

CR.

By cash loaned E. I. and W. F. Allen,	$500 00	
By cash paid for Town Bond,	500 00	
	$1000 00	
Amount of interest collected and paid Town Treasurer,		$178 23

C. H. POWERS, Treasurer.

Jaffrey, March 1st, 1871.

Town Treasurer. Dr.

To cash received of F. W. Bailey, late Treasurer,		$770 82
" State Treasurer, for R. R. tax of 1870,		255 05
" " " on acct. of Savings Bank tax,		1259 41
" as interest on Literary Fund,		178 23
" " Cutter Fund,		27 93
" Selectmen, on account of county paupers,		302 75
" E. Cutter, for outstanding tax of 1859,		1 20
" B. L. Baldwin, Collector for 1868 and 1869,		730 24
" Benjamin Pierce, for syringe sold,		2 50
" J. L. Bolster, interest on Conant Indigent Fund,		48 43
" P. Upton, for trustees of Conant School Fund,		123 12
" Selectmen, borrowed on Town notes,		14900 00
" P. Upton, agent for sale of Town Bonds,		30000 00
" for taxes assessed and collected for 1870,		9164 80
" P. Upton, for interest on bonds sold,		439 26
" as premium on U. S. Bond sold ($50),		3 50
" of M. C. Adams, for overdrawn order,		5 00
		$58,212 24

CR.

By 182 orders drawn by Selectmen,	$57,069 34	
Cash on hand,*	1142 90	
		$58,212 24

* Including $6.57 loaned to Literary Fund.

Taxes for 1870.

Whole amount of taxes assessed and put in hands of collector for collection,		$9,687 06
Amount of taxes collected,	$9,164 80	
" " outstanding,	164 15	
Discounts allowed,	358 11	
		$9,687 06

Dog Tax.

Amount of dog tax collected and paid to town treasurer, for 1870,	$64 00

Outstanding Taxes.

Outstanding taxes for the year 1868,	$161 31
" " " " 1869,	211 55
" " " " 1870,	164 15
	$537 01

Cutter Fund. Dr.

To children of Stephen Cutter, at the decease of their mother,	$400 00

Cr.

By mortgage and note signed by J. L. Bolster,	$200 00	
One share Monadnock National Bank,	100 00	
One Town of Jaffrey bond,	100 00	
		$400 00

Town Farm Fund. Dr.

To cash on hand as per last report,	$1243 87
" received of Ring & French, on note due March 30, 1870,	1000 00
" received of " interest on $5000 for six months,	150 00
" received of " " " $4000 for six months,	120 00
" received of Savings Bank, as interest on deposits,	101 25
	$2615 12

Cr.

By cash paid selectmen,	$2614 25	
" on hand,	87	
		$2615 12

Due to the town four notes of $1000 each, signed by P. Ring and H. K. French, dated March 30, 1869, secured by mortgage and payable in 2, 3, 4, and 5 years from date respectively, with interest semi-annually.

C. H. POWERS, Town Treasurer.

Jaffrey, March 1, 1871.

Your committee have examined the above Report of the Town Treasurer, and find it correct.

BENJ. L. BALDWIN,
AUSTIN O. ADAMS, } Auditing Committee.
JOHN FOX,

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS.

In compliance with the laws of the State, your Engineers of the Fire Department of the town of Jaffrey, respectfully submit the following Annual Report for the year ending March, 1871.

The engine house, engine, hose, and everything connected with the Company is in good and efficient condition. The extra pay voted to the members of the company the past year, has inspired them with new life and energy.

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The company has been called out four times the past year for the extinguishment of fires.

First on June 3d, about nine o'clock in the forenoon, a fire caught on the roof of A. Bascom's dry house, but was soon put out, with slight damage.

October 14th, about eight o'clock in the evening, a fire broke out in A. Bascom's waste house; it is supposed to have caught by some one smoking among the waste cotton. The company was soon on the ground, extinguished the fire, and prevented its spreading to other buildings.

November 1st, about eight o'clock in the forenoon, A. Bascom's new boarding house was discovered to be on fire. The company was on hand with the machine, but it was subdued without their working it. It caught by a little innocent boy playing with matches. Damage, fifty dollars.

February 7th, about eight o'clock in the morning, fire was discovered in A. Bascom's picker house connected with the Cheshire Mills. It is supposed to have originated from some combustible material passing through the willow at the time The alarm was immediately given, and the company was promptly on the ground. The walls of the building were of brick, and the contents, besides the machinery, were eight bales of cotton, two of which were destroyed, and the other six somewhat damaged. The woodwork, with the exception of the lower floor, and part of the machiney was destroyed, and it was only by the most determined efforts of the company that the mill itself was saved. Loss, $2,000 to $3,000,—no insurance.

There is only about three hundred feet of hose belonging to the engine. On many occasions it would be necessary that there should be more, and your engineers reccommend that the town purchase the same; also hooks and ladders.

We cannot be too cautious about these things. Every person in town should have sufficient ladders to reach from the ground to the ridgepole of his house. Chimneys become foul, and oftentimes take fire and burn out when the roof is dry and liable to take fire also. Stove pipes running long distances horizontally should be cleaned out often, and chimneys burned out on still days when the roof is damp.

The expense of keeping the engine in repair and other materials for the past year amount to $25.65.

RODNEY A. HUBBARD, Chief Engineer.
ORLANDO CRAGIN, Assistant Engineer.
JOSEPH P. FROST, { Assistant Engineer and Clerk of Fire Department.

REPORT OF THE AGENT FOR THE SALE OF THE TOWN BONDS.

Your agent having attended to the duty assigned him, would respectfully report: That he has sold the whole amount of bonds authorized by the town—$30,000. The denominations are $100 and $500. The $500 are numbered from 1 to 46, and the $100 from 51 to 121, inclusive excepting number 100, which being imperfect was returned to the Selectmen and destroyed. They are six per cent. coupon bonds, redeemable at the pleasure of the town any time after five years, and payable in twenty years from July 1st, 1870. The coupons are payable January 1st, and July 1st, at the Monadnock National Bank. P. UPTON, Agent.

Jaffrey, Feb. 24, 1871.

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENT.

Dr.

To balance due the town, March 1, 1870,	$ 17 13
Sales from March 1, 1870, to March 1, 1871,	114 07
Stock on hand,	42 26
	$173 46

Cr.

By bill of goods, April 20, 1870,	$ 8 68
Express paid,	60
Bill of goods, April 12, 1870,	23 71
Express paid,	1 05
Bill of goods, July 15, 1870,	32 39
Express paid,	1 20
Bill of goods, Aug. 10, 1870,	23 45
Express paid,	1 05
Bill of goods, Oct 4, 1870,	27 39
Express paid,	1 50
Bill of goods, Jan. 23, 1871,	22 25
Express paid,	1 20
Bill of goods, Feb. 7, 1871,	8 25
Express paid,	60
	$153 32
Agent's salary,	40 00
	$193 32
	173 46
Due the agent,	$19 86

GURLEY A. PHELPS, Town Agent.

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